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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESAULNIER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 7, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK DESAULNIER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

On this morning, Lord, hear our voices as we lift up our prayers to You from the depths of our hearts. We lay our requests before You, appeals that are both simple and serious, of both concern and calamity, known and unknown to the people around us.

And we wait expectantly for Your response—not knowing how or when that will come—but in faith we anticipate Your answer, and with faith we pray we are ready to receive it.

And as You have listened to us, make us attentive to Your wisdom. With ears to hear, may we take note of Your whispers and open ourselves to hear Your divine voice breaking into our lives.

We incline our hearts toward You this day, that You would grant us understanding in all that confounds us. Help us to receive Your guidance as You lead us in the way we should go. And may we thrive on the depth of Your compassion in all that we do and say.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BRANDEN SISCA AND MARTIN MACK, III PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, Montgomery County, Philadelphia, and all of Pennsylvania mourn the tragic loss of two State troopers: Branden Sisca and Martin Mack, III; and a pedestrian, Mr. Reyes Rivera Oliveras, of Allentown. All three were killed by an alleged drunk driver on I-95 near Lincoln Financial Field on March 21.

I want to take a moment to remember State Troopers Branden Sisca and Martin Mack, and their extraordinary lives of service.

From an early age, they both had an incredible drive to serve and were examples of leadership. Branden Sisca, just 29, volunteered for the Trappe Fire Company from the age of 16 and rose to chief. He is survived by his wife, Brittany. They are expecting a baby girl in July.

Martin Mack, just 33, first served as a member of the National Guard. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Stephanie, and father to two daughters, Olivia and Rowan.

It is heartbreaking to lose such extraordinary men so tragically so young. I pray for their families. God bless them. May their memories be a blessing.

AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS BURDENED BY INFLATION

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, thanks to President Biden's disastrous tax-and-spend policies, the American people are now facing the highest levels of inflation in more than 40 years. Americans have seen the effects of inflation in their paychecks, at the gas pumps, and in the grocery stores ever since Joe Biden took office.

The latest Bloomberg report concludes that the average U.S. household will have to earn an extra \$5,000 this year just to keep up with inflation.

Instead of scaling back wasteful government spending, the President's budget calls for the highest sustained spending and taxes in American history. Fanning the flames of inflation with more reckless spending only makes it harder for American families to afford essentials.

Instead, Congress must work to eliminate waste and enable Americans to reclaim control of their money and their lives.

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